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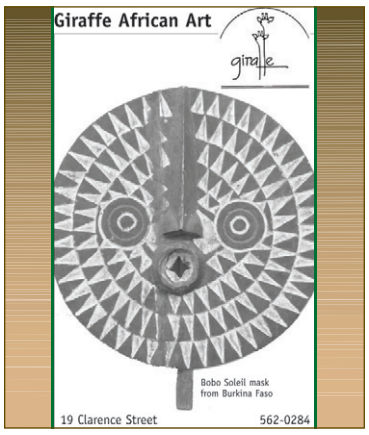

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Driver in fatal rollover allegedly fell asleep: Police

CHARGES The teenage driver in a fatal weekend rollover had fallen asleep an instant before the crash in south Ottawa, provincial police alleged yesterday.

Following an investigation, police now say that the 19-year-old Ottawa man nodded off at the wheel while driving on Highway 416 between Bankfield and Hunt Club Roads at around 1:43 a.m. on Sunday.

The Honda Civic lost control and rolled several times into a ditch and "the two rear passengers were ejected from the vehicle," said OPP Constable Guy Prevost.

"They were sleeping in the back seat. They weren't wearing seatbelts."

Of the two, the 19-year-old male passenger died from his injuries at the scene. The 16-year-old rear passenger remains in hospital.

An 18-year-old female front seat passenger and the driver were treated and released.

The driver has since been charged with careless driving under the Highway Traffic Act, which carries a fine of $325 and six demerit points.

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Senator Barack Obama, shown Monday at a campaign rally in Jacksonville, Fla., will become the first African-American president.

President Obama

U.S. elects first African-American in historic vote

Barack Obama completed a journey last night that had once been unthinkable, becoming the first African-American president in U.S. history and raising hopes this nation had entered a new, post-racial era.

The rookie U.S. senator from Illinois reshaped the American electoral map in his victory over Republican John McCain and stands poised to also redefine the way the world looks at this nation.

A presidential bid first forged on the themes of hope and change — then carried home by a candidate who personified calm and cool — came 45 years after Martin Luther King told the world he had a dream.

Election USA

Millions of African-Americans who had lived lives of oppression and discrimination in this country helped craft Obama's victory, joined by millions more across the racial spectrum who ultimately decided race could be no barrier to electing a president in 2008.

Early returns contained one important message last night — there was no indication Obama's race was a defining issue in this election.

With the world watching intently, Obama appeared to seal his victory with easy wins in Ohio and Pennsylvania, the latter the one Democratic state in which McCain and his running mate, Alaska Governor Sarah Palin, had chosen to make their last stand in a 21-month campaign that sparked unprecedented passions in this nation.

Obama and McCain traded wins in states considered safe for their respective parties early last night, but the 47-year-old Obama threatened Republican dominance in three battleground states — Virginia, North Carolina and Florida — in which he fought McCain, 72, evenly during the night.

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Big cuts or big tax hike: City staff

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BUDGET Ottawa should cut services, hike fees, chop bus routes, and trim 230 jobs from its payroll — and that's just to keep next year's tax increase a modest one.

So say city staff, who yesterday tabled a 2009 draft budget that outlines plans to make up a $35.2-million funding shortfall just to keep the tax hike at 4.9 per cent — the same amount as this year.

"If it's a 4.9 per cent tax rate target, I recommend that you make those reductions in service," said city manager Kent Kirkpatrick.

City treasurer Marian Simulik outlined options for trimming the budget, the largest of which includes $9 million in service reductions. The most significant of those would be a $4 million cut to arts.

Other options include: Delaying the start of planned new services ($7.9 million savings); reducing funding for shared programs with the province ($7 million); reducing service to 42 transit routes, eliminating 13 underused routes, and delaying service improvements to Stittsville ($7 million).

The cuts in each scenario have repercussions.

For instance, cutting back on shared program funding would remove up to 700 subsidized childcare spaces.

And while no facility closures are proposed, user fees for gyms, sports fields, halls and swimming pools are proposed to more than double.

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Court costs will break us, environment group claims
A city environmental group that unsuccessfully challenged an OMB decision fears it will have to shut down if a developer's demands for legal costs are awarded. The Greenspace Alliance of Canada's Capital says the developers of Findlay Creek Village and the city want more than $72,000 in costs. GREENSPACE ALLIANCE OF CANADA'S CAPITAL

Ottawa

Enablence expands

An Ottawa technology firm that makes gear for ultra-fast Internet delivery to homes has bought its fifth company in less than two years. Enablence Technologies Inc. has acquired a U.S. firm called Pannaway in a $6 million, all-stock deal. The deal helped push Enablence stock up by 50 per cent at one point during the trading day. CTVOTTAWA.CA

Bleak budget plan bothers councillors

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City councillors are calling staff proposals for deep service cuts "unrealistic" and "suicidal," but Mayor Larry O'Brien says they didn't go far enough.

O'Brien yesterday welcomed staff's budget reduction options (see story, page 1) as "comprehensive, clear and easy to understand," but said that the proposed 4.9 per cent tax hike was still too high. However, he wouldn't commit to a tax freeze in 2009.

"This is a very difficult time. We have a lot of pressures," he said. "Our citizens are delaying buying new cars. They are putting off vacations. I think the … taxpayers of the city are fully expecting the city government to do the same."

But councillors say that will be difficult to do, since municipalities don't have the luxury of running deficits. Alta Vista ward Coun. Peter Hume said people expect the city to maintain core services.

"During the good times, when a one per cent tax increase would not have been a problem, we froze taxes," he said. "We didn't plan for the bad times and now there's no room to maneuver."

700 The number of child care spaces that could be cut by the city in order to prevent a tax hike of more than five per cent. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Orleans Coun. Bob Monette said proposals to hike user fees for municipal pools and sports fields while cutting outdoor skating rinks would be political "suicide."

"The residents of Ottawa will not tolerate cuts like this and there is no way I'd support it," he said.

Coun. Rick Chiarelli (College ward) called it unrealistic to propose eliminating outdoor rinks and slashing arts funding.

City manager Kent Kirkpatrick defended the cost-cutting recommendations as the best available, noting he asked councillors a month ago for ideas but didn't receive a response.

The proposal to cut 700 childcare spaces especially raised flags.

Since the proposed increase is already $148, Coun. Alex Cullen said an extra $30 or so would be a small increase.

Budget slows police proposals

Successful new crime units' expansion handcuffed

A lean Ottawa Police budget means only minor expansion to special units, but service levels and officer visibility will be increased, says the chief.

Police Chief Vern White said he would have liked to expand on the success of the city's successful new Street Crime Unit, beat squads and the Direct Action Response Team, but the force can't afford it right now.

"You'll see the street crime unit expand it's mandate a bit in 2009 and start targeting some of the high risk areas in the east and west because they've primarily worked in central, but there is always more you can do."

The police are already projecting for a $13.5 million increase in its 2009 operating budget, bringing the total budget to $234.8 million.

With an extra $3.6 million coming from assessment growth, police costs should add $9.9 million to the overall city budget, or $25 extra for the average homeowner.

Election fever sweeps Ottawa

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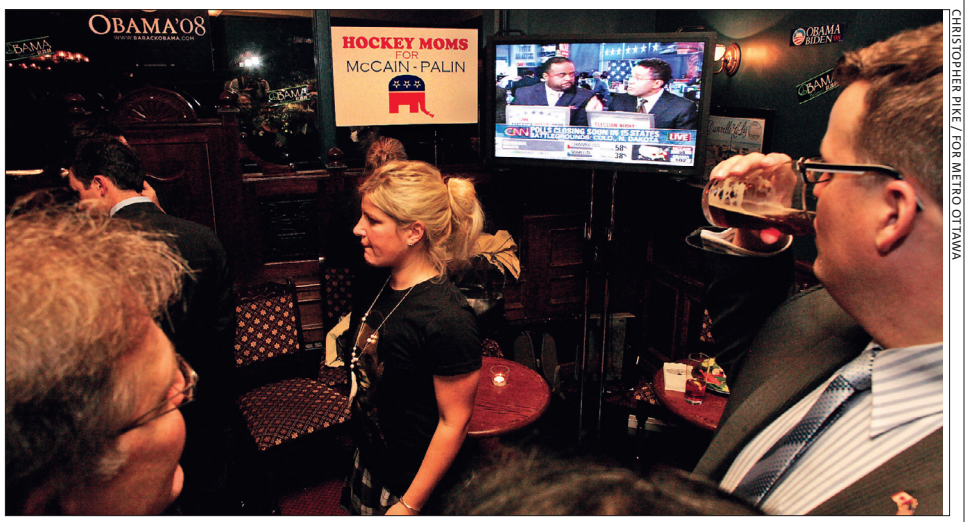
They're not Americans, but last night it didn't matter to the thousands of Ottawans who tuned into U.S. election coverage.

The election is significant because Barack Obama has attracted so many Americans who'd never before voted, said Charlottetown Senator Percy Downe, who attended a non-partisan U.S. election party at D'arcy McGee's on Sparks Street.

"There are a number of factors working in Obama's favour," said Downe, who suggested Americans have tired of the Bush administration, to which they attribute the collapsing economy.

The significance is in "a visible minority working his way through the system," said Joe Jordan, a senior consultant at Capital Hill Group and former MP.



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People watch the results from the U.S. presidential election come in at a non-partisan event held at D'Arcy McGee's in Ottawa last night.

Election USA

"I think it's a historical election because of the possibility that a black man can be elected president," he said. "It just explodes stereotypes. I never thought I'd see it in my lifetime."

American elections are always of interest here because the U.S. is Canada's largest trading partner. But "something in the persona" of Obama, created even more interest, said Kip McDaniel, a political junkie who studied politics at Harvard University. He likened the phenomena to Canada's 'Trudeaumania.

Alleged breach of terms lands offender back in jail

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An Ottawa man considered a 'high-risk" sexual offender by police was taken back into custody over the weekend.

Leonard Charles Watts, 47, is charged with two counts of breach of recognizance, city police said yesterday.

Watts was released into the community in July 2008 after serving a two-and-a-half year federal sentence for the sexual assault of a 16-year-old girl in Peterborough.

He arrived in Ottawa after initially trying to settle in Brockville, where residents organized a campaign to notify the community of his arrival.

Watts was subject to monitoring by the Early Release Career Criminals Unit.

An investigation was launched in late October after Watts allegedly failed to comply with judicially imposed conditions.

"He had a bunch of conditions and he breached one … which was to refrain from the use of non-prescription drugs and alcohol," said Ottawa Police Detective Paul Heffler.

Watts is being held at the Ottawa Carleton Detention Centre.

Online campaign

- A Facebook group publicizing Watts' move to Brockville was joined by about 3,000 people

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U.S. Election Coverage

- Thousands gather at Obama rally in Chicago; a movie star encounters problems at the polls; why one Democrat thinks Obama will be his party's Bush; final results and more at metronews.ca/uselection.

Privacy spectre raised in lab clash

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A plan to consolidate regional lab services could compromise the confidentiality of Ottawans' health records, an area lawyer charged yesterday.

The Champlain Local Health Integration Network – which includes 15 eastern Ontario hospitals, including Ottawa's – is planning on consolidating many services at a "super-lab" in partnership with an American company that could be ordered to turn over patient records to the United States, lawyer Steven Shrybman said.

Under the U.S. Patriot Act, the U.S. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance court can issue orders to access the corporate lab services' records, including those of its Canadian subsidiaries, said Shrybman, whose legal opinion was obtained by the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

"The confidentiality of patient health records could well be compromised," he said.

Consolidation

- The proposed changes are designed to save $14 million over 10 years and are scheduled to take place April 1, 2009.

The union's other concerns include loss of services at hospitals and a 10 per cent cut in technical staff.

Michael Hurley, president of the Ontario Council of Hospital Unions, wants to see the plans stopped, saying it could set in motion the restructuring for all Ontario laboratories.

"Hospitals will have less capacity to do testing themselves," he said

News in brief

CRIME A man claiming to have a gun robbed a convenience store in Gatineau Monday night, police said. At 11:27 p.m., a man entered the store at the Petro-Canada gas station at 744 St. Joseph Blvd., waited until the attendant had opened the till, and demanded cash. He then ran away in the direction of Mutchmore Road. The suspect is described as a French-speaking male, 25 to 30 years old, 5'9" tall and 200 pounds. He has short blond hair and was wearing an army-style hat, a grey shirt, and light pants. METRO OTTAWA

Parents can now enter operating rooms

Parents can now dress in scrubs and accompany their children into operating rooms as they prepare for non-emergency surgery after Ottawa's children's hospital changed its policy. **CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF EASTERN ONTARIO**

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Under the 'B' — Disco Bingo

CityScapes

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On their own, they're passé and even a bit lame.

But when you combine disco — a musical genre so far out there that some might argue it's on its way back — and bingo (stereotypically the preferred activity of blue-haired seniors) — something funny happens.

It draws crowds. Hordes of young people weary of the traditional bar scene, yet who want to take their Friday evenings a notch above game night in the family room, start to attend.

No doubt about it — Disco Bingo has taken Ottawa's social scene by storm. It started when the same duo that brought us Spins and Needles — a popular crafts-and-music event — decided to try another idea.

Deejay Jason Pelletier wanted to do a disco music event, and was looking for something to pair it with. He found inspiration in his Maritimes hometown.

"(Bingo) is a popular pastime there," said Pelletier, 30. "I thought, 'why not?'"

The first event more than two years ago attracted 50 people, but has since enjoyed capacity crowds at locations like SAW Gallery, Shanghai Restaurant and, this Friday, at Humphrey's on Bank Street.

"Bingo's normally for seniors, but you have young people coming out to this," Pelletier said.

"It's a pretty wide mix of people," agreed cofounder Melanie Yugo, 28. "You have your students and your young professionals."

That said, "we do get a few older people, too," Pelletier said. "And they love it. They buy tickets and they get right into it."

It's an improbable success story. But somehow, retro music and an even older game (complete with off-the-wall prizes such as canned spam, beef jerky, Kraft dinner and lots of mini disco balls) packs them in. The kitch element just works.

"Disco is Saturday Night Fever and dancing and bingo is sitting and smoking and seniors and churches," Yugo said. "It's two worlds coming together."

And it's accessible, she added. "Everyone knows how to play bingo."

"I think people are looking for something different to do, something with a tactile element," Pelletier said. "In the past, people would go out and talk, smoke, drink and eat. I think that's gotten kind of old. Now, people want something to do when they go out."

MELANIE YUGO/SUBMITTED

Disco Bingo host China Doll calls out numbers at a recent event.

Metro Ottawa's Tracey Tong is an award-winning reporter. Her Cityscapes column appears every Wednesday.

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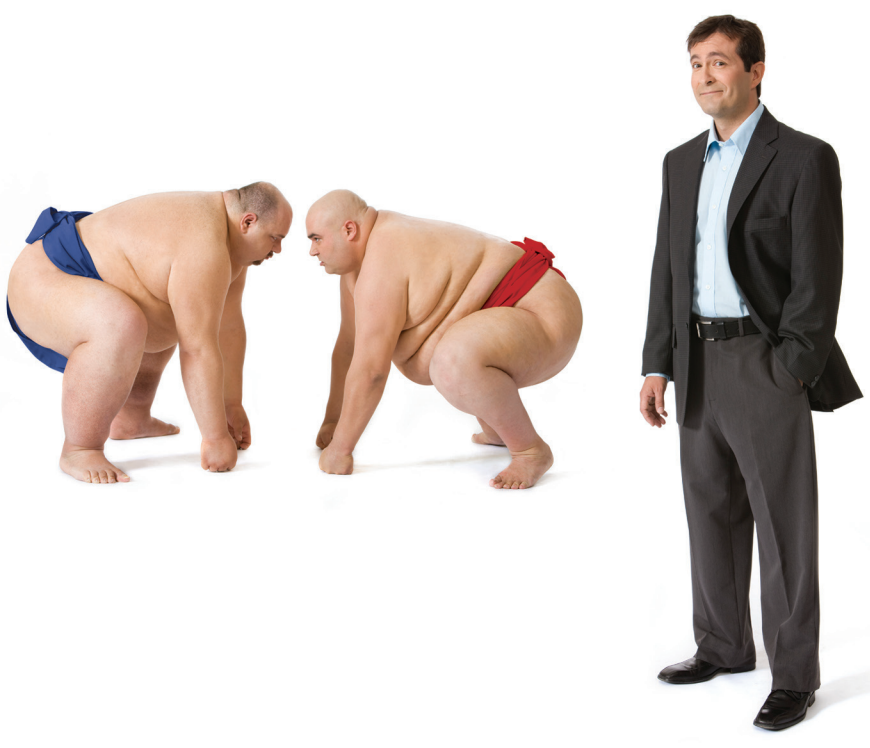

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Leaders want inquiries into shootings of First Nations people
Aboriginal leaders in Saskatchewan are calling for a public inquiry into the deaths of First Nations people who have been shot by police. The call comes in the wake of last week's coroner's inquest into the 2006 death of Delbert Pelletier, which some family members said left questions unanswered. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada

Manley out of leadership race

Former deputy prime minister John Manley, left, will not run in the upcoming Liberal leadership race, he said in a statement yesterday. Last week, Manley openly considered tossing his hat into the ring, but expressed uncertainty about entering what would be his second leadership contest. In a letter sent to colleagues and supporters, Manley said he "consulted broadly" with family and friends and was "greatly moved" by the offers of support and financial help. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Recount comes down to 20 votes

JEFF HODSON
Metro Canada

VANCOUVER Former B.C. premier Ujjal Dosanjh recaptured what many thought was the safest federal Liberal seat in B.C. with a mere 20 votes over Tory Wai Young in Vancouver South, a second judicial recount found yesterday.

The result, 21 days after the Oct. 14 federal election, is the longest recount in Canadian history.

Young saw her margin of defeat shrink from 779 votes on election night to 33 votes and then to 22 after the first judicial recount.

News in brief

TASER The RCMP officers involved in the Tasering incident of Polish immigrant Robert Dziekanski will be subpoenaed to appear at the inquiry into his death, the hearing's judge announced yesterday.

DRUGS Border guards seized $11 million worth of heroin hidden in a shipment of cotton towels in the Port of Halifax.

SYRINGES Another health district in Saskatchewan — the third in the past week — says it's been reusing medical syringes. The Sun Country Health Region said yesterday it "discovered syringes were being re-used occasionally in the operating room at Weyburn General Hospital."

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Duncan calls on MPs to fight for Ontario

Stung by Ontario's plunge into "have-not" status, the provincial Liberal government is blaming MPs from all parties for not doing enough to help Canada's one-time economic titan.

One day after the ignominious revelation that Ontario is now among Canada's poor provinces qualifying for $347 million in federal equalization handouts for the first time, Finance Minister Dwight Duncan was in fighting form.

"We have 106 federal members, we need to have them start standing up for Ontario," Duncan complained yesterday.

"We need a federal partner and we're not seeing that and we need people to start standing up for Ontario," he said, adding the Conservatives in Ottawa are "completely clued out."

> **"I see a federal Parliament that's ignoring Ontario."**
> Dwight Duncan

Duncan, who revealed a fortnight ago that Ontario is running a $500 million budget deficit, tried to minimize the humiliation of the country's long-time economic engine receiving a share of the $14.2 billion equalization pool next year.

"It's a ridiculous system. If you look at the map of Canada now, if you have oil and natural gas you don't receive (equalization)," he said, castigating Ottawa for not doing much to help Ontario's ailing manufacturers, especially the automotive industry.

"I see a federal Parliament that's ignoring Ontario. I see a federal Parliament that has not addressed the real scenario here in Ontario. I see a federal government that does not get the most important industry."

Praising federal NDP Leader Jack Layton for "having the guts to stand up and tell it like it is," Duncan added he expects more from Liberal and Tory MPs. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Vancouver **Olympics' impact on housing**

RAFE ARNOTT/METRO CANADA

Claire Mahon, an international housing-rights activist, speaks outside the Vancouver Art Gallery yesterday. Mahoon, the principal author of the 2007 report entitled Fair Play for Housing Rights: Mega-Events, Olympic Games and Housing Events, warned that a study of seven different Olympic cities around the world found that local residents were the biggest losers when it came to the impact of the games on housing.

Quebec to have a balanced budget

FINANCES Quebec's minority Liberal government said yesterday it would maintain balanced budgets in 2008-09 and 2009-10, despite the global financial crisis, and promised the province would avoid a recession.

Monique Jerome-Forget

Finance Minister Monique Jerome-Forget also forecast there would be an election soon. Premier Jean Charest is widely expected to trigger an election campaign today for a Dec. 8 vote.

Exports account for half Quebec's gross domestic product and Jerome-Forget said the predominantly French-speaking province of 7.5 million people was suffering from the slowdown in the United States, which takes 75 per cent of its exports.

"I am not here to tell Quebecers that everything is just fine. The economic slowdown is real and the global financial crisis is cause for concern," she said before presenting an economic update.

The government cut its forecast for Quebec's economic growth in 2008 to 0.8 per cent from the 1.5 per cent it predicted in its March budget. **REUTERS**

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Bush calls Obama to congratulate him on win

President George W. Bush yesterday called Democrat Barack Obama to congratulate him on winning the presidential election, the White House said, adding that Bush invited him and his family to visit to the White House soon. REUTERS

Election USA

Castro's praise

Cuba's former communist leader Fidel Castro yesterday praised Democrat Barack Obama as "more intelligent" than "old, bellicose" Republican John McCain. REUTERS

Obama shifts race relations

For Americans burdened by a sense of history, something once unthinkable has happened. The United States has elected a black president.

What has changed in terms of race to enable Democratic candidate Barack Obama's defeat of Republican John McCain, and what might change as a result?

Civil rights leader Jesse Jackson said his satisfaction at Obama's success was conditioned by a sense of history. Jackson witnessed the assassination of Martin Luther King in 1968 and twice ran for president in the 1980s.

"His (Obama) winning means America's getting better. We are more mature. We are less anxious around each other," he said in an interview.

One surprise apparent in the earliest primaries in which parties chose their nominees was the support Obama attracted among whites voters.

At the same time, black voters were integral to Obama's success, swinging a number of states in his favour. And Obama went out of his way to embrace black voters and their concerns, most notably in a high-profile speech on race in March.

"His (Obama) winning means America's getting better. We are more mature. We are less anxious around each other."
Jesse Jackson

Those factors deal a blow to black scepticism about their role in politics and a lingering sense of disenfranchisement.

"The first thing Obama's presidency means for black people is, at least momentarily, a sense of full citizenship," said Melissa Harris-Lacewell, a political science professor at Princeton University. REUTERS

Democrats **Obama supporters in good spirits**

LUCAS JACKSON/REUTERS

Supporters of Barack Obama cheer and embrace each other after hearing that Ohio would be called for Obama while watching 2008 U.S. presidential election results in Times Square in New York yesterday.

News in brief

CHINA China welcomed Barack Obama as a youthful president-elect with the energy to tackle the financial crisis now threatening their economy and an ethnic heritage that could help America reach out to the rest of the world. Excitement about the race filtered down to the streets of Beijing on Wednesday, where ordinary Chinese citizens who have never voted themselves and some who could not even name the candidates embraced Obama's message of change

ABROAD Kenyans in Barack Obama's ancestral homeland prayed for victory yesterday and relatives prepared to roast a bull in celebration of his unprecedented win. REUTERS

Homeless head to polls in historic contest

Frederick Williams, a Marine Corps veteran scraping by on unemployment benefits, describes his living situation as "not homeless but close to it" and says he never cared enough to vote -- until yesterday.

Williams said he voted for Barack Obama, whose message of hope and bid to become the first black president of the United States stirred him like no other politician.

"This is history in the making. I wanted to be part of that."
Frederick Williams

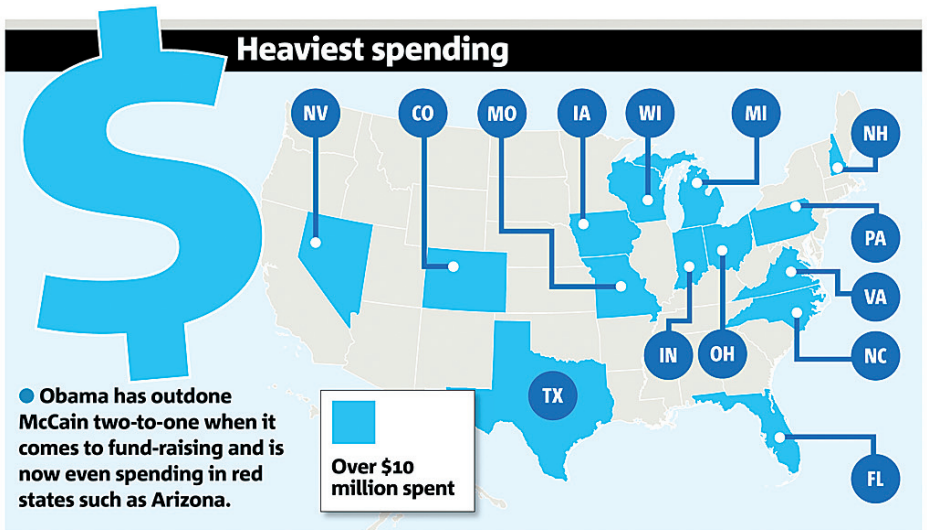
"This is history in the making. I wanted to be part of that," said Williams, who lives in a transient hotel near the polling station at the Los Angeles Mission. "For once in my lifetime ... someone really cares about the small people out there."

Williams was one of hundreds of people -- many first-time voters lacking permanent dwellings -- who cast ballots this year on L.A.'s Skid Row, a 50-block downtown area believed to harbour the highest concentration of homeless in the United States.

Spokesman Orlando Ward for Midnight Mission said the numbers that turned out yesterday were unprecedented.

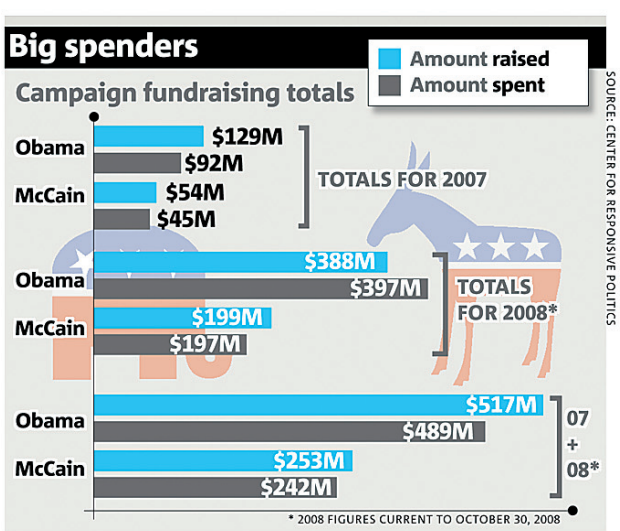
By late morning, more than 300 voters, many of them homeless, had filed through the polling station at Midnight Mission, at least 10 times more than showed up all day during the last presidential election, Ward said. REUTERS

Obama doubles McCain's fundraising numbers in election race



NEW YORK. We new this was going to be an expensive election when Federal Election Commission officials argued that for any candidate to be taken seriously in the 2008 election, he or she would have to have raised at least $100 million by the end of 2007.

Now, after candidates, particularly on the Democratic side, have continuously broken fundraising records, the combined amount raised and spent has broken the $1 billion mark. Here's a look at who got what and where it went. METRO



Dollar rises after drop

The U.S. dollar rose against a basket of major currencies yesterday after posting its biggest one-day slide in 13 years the previous day, when a thaw in credit markets pointed to a recovery in investor risk appetite. REUTERS

Congress gains for Democrats

Senate majority expanded thanks to anti-Bush wave

Democrats expanded their U.S. Senate majority yesterday but failed to beat one of their top targets, Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky.

Riding a wave of resentment against Republican President George W. Bush, Democrats had a shot to reach a Senate majority of 60 (at press time), the number needed to clear Republican hurdles for their first filibuster-proof majority in three decades.

But with McConnell and at least two other targeted Republicans holding onto their seats, Democrats faced a steep challenge to achieve this lofty goal.

By picking up four seats with more than dozen Senate contests yet to be decided, Democrats had increased their majority to 55 of the Senate's 100 seats, and figured that they would get at least a few more.

"Sixty is kind of arbitrary to a certain degree. You just want to get it as close as possible," said Andrew Taylor, a political scientist at North Carolina State University.

Overall 35 Senate seats were up for election, 23 held by Republicans, the others by Democrats.

Many of the races involving seats held by Republicans were seen as competitive.

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Background

- Democrats won control of Congress from the Republicans in 2006. But Republicans blocked much of the Democrats' agenda the past two years — on matters from expanding health care to withdrawing troops from Iraq — with Senate filibusters.

Eight years later: The Bush administration's legacy

As the U.S. prepares to bid farewell to George W Bush, his eight-year administration has brought an increased budget deficit, the dollar far lower against other currencies, his approval ratings plummeting and support for the Iraq war ebbing away. METRO

THE ECONOMY

	2000	2008
Unemployment	4 percent (average)	5.4 percent (average) ↑
Federal budget deficit	SURPLUS of $230 billion	DEFICIT of $455 billion (as of October 15) ↑
Inflation	3.38% (average)	5% (average) ↑
Currency rate	Jan. 20, 2000: (first day of Bush presidency): $1 = 0.65 (U.K. Sterling), 1.01 (Euro)	Oct. 31, 2008: $1 = 0.62 (U.K. Sterling), 0.79 (Euro) ↓

INTERIOR POLICY

Bush approval ratings

- Highest: Sept. 21-25, 2001: **86%**
- Lowest: Oct. 23-26, 2008: **22%**

Seats in Congress

2001: Senate: **50** Democrats, **50** Republicans; House: **212** D, **221** R, **2** Independents

2003: Senate: **49** D, **51** R; House: **204** D, **229** R, **1** I

2005: Senate: **45** D, **55** R; House: **202** D, **232** R, **1** I

2007: Senate: **51** D, **49** R; House: **233** D, **202** R

FOREIGN POLICY

Iraq War:

Should the U.S. have invaded Iraq?

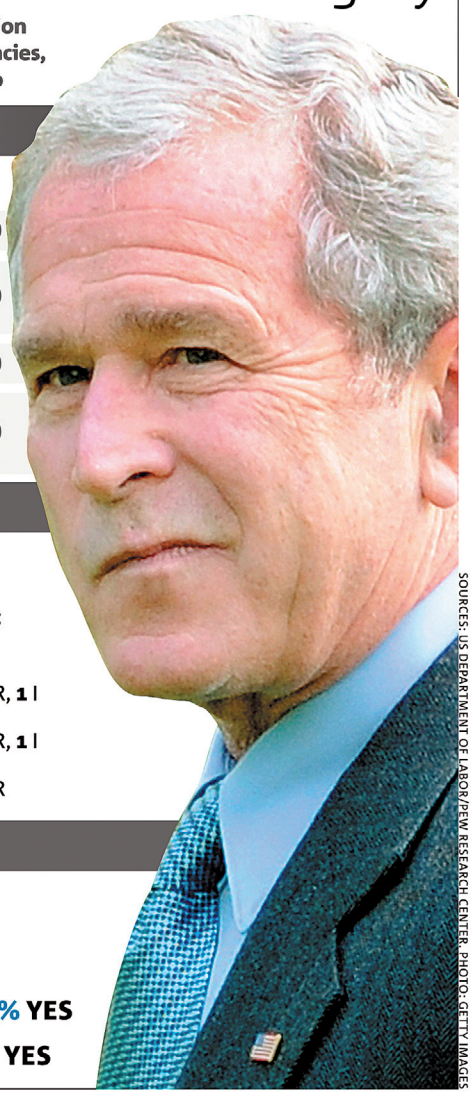
March 2003: 72% say **YES**, 22% say **NO**

Feb. 2008: 38% say **YES**, 54% say **NO**

Should U.S. withdraw troops?

March 2003: 64% **NO**, 32% **YES**

Feb. 2008: 47% **NO**, 49% **YES**



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Indicted governor loses bid for re-election in Puerto Rico

DEFEAT With election fraud charges hanging over his head, Puerto Rico Gov. Anibal Acevedo Vila was beaten soundly in his re-election bid yesterday.

The 46-old-governor from the pro-commonwealth Popular Democratic Party, who was indicted this year on campaign fund-raising charges, lost the leadership of the U.S. Caribbean territory to Luis Fortuno of the pro-statehood New Progressive Party.

Fortuno opened up a comfortable 10-point lead in early returns and held it until Acevedo Vila conceded the race four hours after polls closed. A 10-point margin is a landslide in Puerto Rico, where the electorate is evenly split between people who favour the island's current commonwealth status and those who want full U.S. statehood.

"We always knew it was going to be an uphill struggle, but we knew we had to do what was right for Puerto Rico," Acevedo Vila told his supporters. "It was a tough fight against all imaginable and unimaginable obstacles." REUTERS

Gay marriage vote to reflect attitude change

VOTE Gay couples are not hiding any more and that has made all the difference, said health care administrator Linda Merkens before yesterday's vote in California that will decide the legality of same-sex marriage there.

It's one of several important ballot measures voters faced in states across the country yesterday.

"A lot more gays are more open about their relationships, and a lot more people are willing to accept it," Merkens said in downtown Los Angeles recently.

> **"A lot more gays are more open about their relationships, and a lot more people are willing to accept it."**
> Linda Merkens

Other passersby disagreed. "Same-sex marriage is a sin," said city planner Kim Chan.

Yesterday's results will show how far attitudes to gay marriage have changed. Florida and Arizona joined California in voting on whether to stop gay marriage.

In the past, such propositions have almost always been approved, but polls show a close finish in California and many undecided in all three states.

A California court in May rejected limiting marriage to a man and a woman. Only a few nations and states agree.

Now Hollywood stars like Brad Pitt are facing off with conservative foes like the fast-growing Mormon church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, over Proposition 8, which would ban same-sex marriage.

Californians in 2000 passed a measure to define marriage as between a man and a woman. At that time, the San Francisco Bay Area was the only part of the state that supported gay marriage, said pollster Mark DiCamillo of the Field Poll.

This year, all the coastal areas are in support gay marriage, and support in the inland valleys, which have values similar to the centre of the United States, has grown but remains small.

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Maybe it's time to pull plug on Tasers

TheWestView

Paul Sullivan

Journalist & media consultant

A guy in Calgary died Monday after being Tasered by police during a break-in.

A few days before that, a man in Edmonton died after police subdued him with a Taser while he was allegedly wreaking havoc at a pawn shop.

In Canada more than 20 people have died after being Tasered since use began in 1999; yet officials resist calls for a moratorium while we study this, uh, shocking trend. The latest assurance was issued by Alberta's solicitor general Fred Lindsay after the Edmonton death…two days before the Calgary death.

"I believe the Taser is a tool that's been used very effectively and in a lot of cases has prevented death," said Fred. Is it just me, or do his words ring hollow, bookended by Taser-related fatalities three days apart?

And lest we forget, it was just over a year ago when the RCMP set off a Taser-related international incident. Polish traveller Robert Dziekanski, freaking out after spending 10 hours trapped in the Vancouver airport trying to find his mother was Tasered after he began throwing the furniture around. He died too. The Polish government summoned the Canadian ambassador looking for answers. Like the rest of us, Poland is still waiting.

"If Alberta's solicitor general thinks Tasers are safe, he should step up and take a shot or two in order to prove his thesis."

Amnesty International recommends a time out while we study these things further. By its count, more than 290 people have died in North America after being Tasered. And it's not even considered a weapon in the USA; you can Taser people who are annoying. By that criterion, I'd deploy mine 50-100 times a day.

While Tasers are a restricted weapon in Canada, police argue that they have saved 4,000 lives since they began using them in 1999. And as targets of the Taser are usually dangerous individuals in the middle of a psychotic episode or drug-induced frenzy, they're not so easy to subdue — yet they obviously have to be subdued. Public safety depends on it….I think.

Okay, but watch the video of the Dziekanski incident. You're left with the uneasy feeling that the four officers surrounding the agitated man really didn't need to Taser him repeatedly – as many as four times, according to witnesses. An alternative might have been to find a Polish-speaking translator to try and calm the man down. There remains a lingering suspicion that the officers applied the "annoying" criterion, and while the rules of engagement are still not clear, "annoying" just isn't good enough.

I'll leave you with this electrifying proposal: If Alberta's solicitor general thinks Tasers are safe, he should step up and take a shot or two in order to prove his thesis. Failing that, he should show some leadership and pull the plug before someone else dies while being "subdued."

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Election USA

Word on the street: What do you think of Barack Obama as president?

Ryan Steeles
age 22, Ottawa

A: It's going to be hard to live up to the hype. Even though he's a great candidate and a great person. I don't think that he's going to live up to the expectations.

Peter Hansen
age 19, Ottawa

A: He has a lot of stuff he wants to do but it's going to be hard to implement. If he can do it, it could lead to drastic changes in the way people look at things in the United States.

Shannon Harvey
age 24, Ottawa

A: President Obama is great news for America. I'm not really sure about the economy though. I don't know how well he can manage that.

Patrick Kahtouni
age 22, Ottawa

A: I'm pretty happy. I've been a fan of his for quite a bit. So I'm pretty happy that he's elected.

Michelle Lowe
age 34, Toronto

A: Obama's policies just seem more socially acceptable. I don't like McCain. He would be too conservative.

Maryam Mumayiz
age 19, Halifax

A: I absolutely love Barack Obama as president. I think he's the best hope for America. I just don't believe in anything McCain.

Sherilyn Sutton
age 26, Calgary

A: I think it's awesome because the Republicans have spent the last eight years destroying America.

Danielle Hrdlicka
age 21, Edmonton

A: He will get the States in more debt than what it currently is in now.

Fatima Casadei
age 27, Vancouver

A: I think it's about time! I think it's time for a change and it needs to happen and I hope that it does.

Rebecca Easton
age 20, London, Ont.

A: "I think he's the better choice. Obama will do better things for the environment.

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Average gas prices drop below $1 a litre
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Nortel could cut 5,000 jobs: Analysts

LAYOFFS Nortel Networks Corp. could shed between 3,000 and 5,000 jobs when it details its latest restructuring plan next week, analysts said yesterday.

The company, North America's biggest maker of telephone gear, said in September that a weak economy and spending cutbacks by telecom buyers will lead to lower sales. It said these factors will necessitate new job cuts, but did not specify a number.

Nortel's payroll stands at about 32,000 — down from a peak of more than 90,000 in 2000 before the technology bubble burst.

It said in February that it would cut 2,100 more jobs, but it was not clear how many of those layoffs have been implemented already. **REUTERS**

Japan **A new No. 1 electronics maker**

REUTERS/KIM KYUNG-HOON

People walk past an advertisement board of Panasonic outside an electronic shop in Tokyo yesterday. Shares in Panasonic Corp. jumped nearly five per cent yesterday, after sources said it planned to buy smaller rival Sanyo Electric Co. Ltd. to create Japan's largest electronics maker.

Business in brief

MARKETS The Toronto Stock Exchange's S&P/TSX composite index climbed four per cent, or 395.32 points, to 10,116.58 yesterday. It was its highest close in two weeks, as resource issues surged with rising commodity prices, and an end to U.S. uncertainty with the election. **REUTERS**

Wireless players prepare for fight

The country's Big Three wireless providers — Rogers, Bell and Telus — are moving in the direction of cheaper cellphone plans and more billing transparency as the prospect of more wireless competition in markets across Canada mounts.

With start-ups making noise about chasing the low-end of the market with flat-rate plans and easier-to-understand monthly bills, Rogers' youth-oriented Fido brand became the latest wireless provider to re-tool its approach by revealing a brand makeover yesterday that promises "high-value low-price plans."

The move follows rival Telus Corp.'s creation of discount brand Koodo.

Sylvain Roy, Fido's senior vice president and general manager, said the decision to "reposition" the dog-themed brand from one that focused on attracting young urban professionals to one that targets price conscious first-time buyers was in recognition of a shifting wireless landscape.

In particular, Roy said Fido is now aiming to attract the roughly 35 per cent of Canadians that do not yet own a cellphone, a relatively large market that several prospective new players have also identified as ripe for the picking.

Bell Canada unveiled a new plan this week that allows subscribers to "rollover" their unused minutes every month, touting it as a first in Canada. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Burnett to officially opt out

Toronto Blue Jays pitcher A.J. Burnett will opt out of the final two years of a five-year, $55-million US deal he signed with the club before the 2006 season. Burnett's agent, Darek Braunecker, met with team officials at the general managers meetings in California to inform the club of Burnett's decision. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

Logo to skip Olympics

Team Canada will be without its iconic hockey logo for the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics. The Canadian Olympic Committee says it will not ask for an IOC exemption to use the logo, which has been used at the past three Olympic games.

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THE SKINNY: Ottawa centre Mike Fisher ended his early season goal-scoring drought with a tally in overtime as the Ottawa Senators defeated the Washington Capitals.

THE FIRST HELPER: Fisher also picked up his first assist of the year, setting up Dany Heatley for the Sens' first goal of the game.onside.

THE DROUGHT: With the win, the Senators defeated Washington for the first time in five games, dating back to the 2006-2007 season.

THE DROUGHT: After taking a pass from Daniel Alfredsson, Fisher beat Brent Johnson with a rising shot.

THE QUOTE: "It's obviously been a struggle for me early on offensively and to get one in overtime feels good, no question," Fisher said. **"Now I just have to keep it going and build on that game."**

THE SECOND QUOTE: "As a team I thought we did a pretty good job, all the way from Alex in net to our defence corps and the guys up front," Fisher said. **"It was nice to get a win like that, especially coming home from a road trip."**

The Sens' Mike Fisher scores the winning goal in the last minute of overtime.

THE NEXT GAME: The Senators are back in action tomorrow night at Scotiabank Place against the Philadelphia Flyers.

Brodeur out of Devils' lineup for 3 to 4 months

Martin Brodeur extended his reach on a slapshot against the Atlanta Thrashers on Saturday, heard a "pop" in his left elbow and felt a brief, sharp stabbing pain. Within a minute, he couldn't lift his arm. He knew that wasn't good.

Now one of the NHL's premier goaltenders now faces surgery to repair the distal bicep in his left elbow, and it will be at least eight weeks before he can begin rehabilitation. He won't be back in the NHL for three or four months. "It's shocking," Brodeur said in a conference call yesterday. "You expect my knee's going to go, or my groin, or my stomach, or something I use a goalie. I didn't think a bicep could have been a big factor in an injury. "That's why I think it's such a freak accident."

He's also tantalizingly close to a couple of remarkable goaltending records: Seven more wins will tie him with Patrick Roy's all-time mark of 551; and he needs five more shutouts to tie the once-thought untouchable record for shutouts (103, by Jacques Plante). His injury could be the "pop" heard round the Eastern Conference, where the New Jersey Devils could fall to the pack of also-rans. With Brodeur, a playoff spot is generally a given: the Devils have missed the playoffs only once in his tenure. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Fact

- This is the first major injury of Brodeur's career.

Wally Buono has to believe in road-field advantage

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I feel like a fool.

I mean, during all my years of covering sports, I've steadfastly believed that a home team has an advantage — a significant advantage, in fact — for playoff games, especially in the CFL. Well, "only fools think" this way, according to Wally Buono.

Buono, who will surpass Don Matthews as the most victorious head coach in CFL history with five more triumphs, is adamant that home-field edges simply don't exist. Buono's B.C. Lions are 3.5-point underdogs for Saturday's Western Division semi-final — chiefly because the game is in Saskatchewan — but the coach considers the odds-makers foolish, too.

Oh, and Saskatchewan general manager Eric Tillman also is a fool in Buono's eyes. "Consider me the ultimate fool," Tillman acknowledged sarcastically, adding Saskatchewan fans "matter big-time to our franchise ... and you can bet everything you own they're going to matter on Saturday."

- One of the Roughriders' key defensive players wears an insulin pump during games.

Defensive lineman John Chick has diabetes.

"People are shocked at first because they don't think a person can play with that," Chick said.

"For me, it's a matter of overcoming something that people have struggled with, especially in the past. I'm glad to show that you can be as active as you want. You just have to take care and sacrifice some time to take control of it."

Check out Chick's web site, johnchick97.com where he answers questions regularly.

- The CFL has fined the Winnipeg Blue Bombers' Kai Ellis $1,000 for saying he wished he could put Montreal Alouettes' GM Jim Popp "in a coma." Ellis, who was cut by Popp earlier this season, is appealing ... After a woebegone season in which his team failed to qualify for the playoffs, Michael (Pinball) Clemons is about to be removed as the Toronto Argonauts' president and will remain with the organization only if he agrees to return as head coach ... Noel Prefontaine, 34, is telling friends he probably won't return as the Edmonton Eskimos' punter next season. He'll test the free-agent market and may even retire ... He used to be known as Kamau Incompleterson for obvious reasons, but he was terrific this season for the Esks and look for Kamau Peterson to be chosen the CFL's premier Canadian for 2008 ... And whatever happened to the CFL returning to Ottawa? The league has given Ottawa until next March to provide concrete proof that it can have a viable franchise in 2010 but, unless things change, don't expect it to happen. The idea simply has too many opponents in Ottawa, especially in political circles.

Sabermetrics

- A group that tracks every ball hit in MLB says New York Yankees captain Derek Jeter is the worst fielder in the game. Statistics guru Bill James and a panel of nine others rank Jeter 22nd among everyday shortstops and call him the veteran "the least effective defensive player in the major leagues, at any position."

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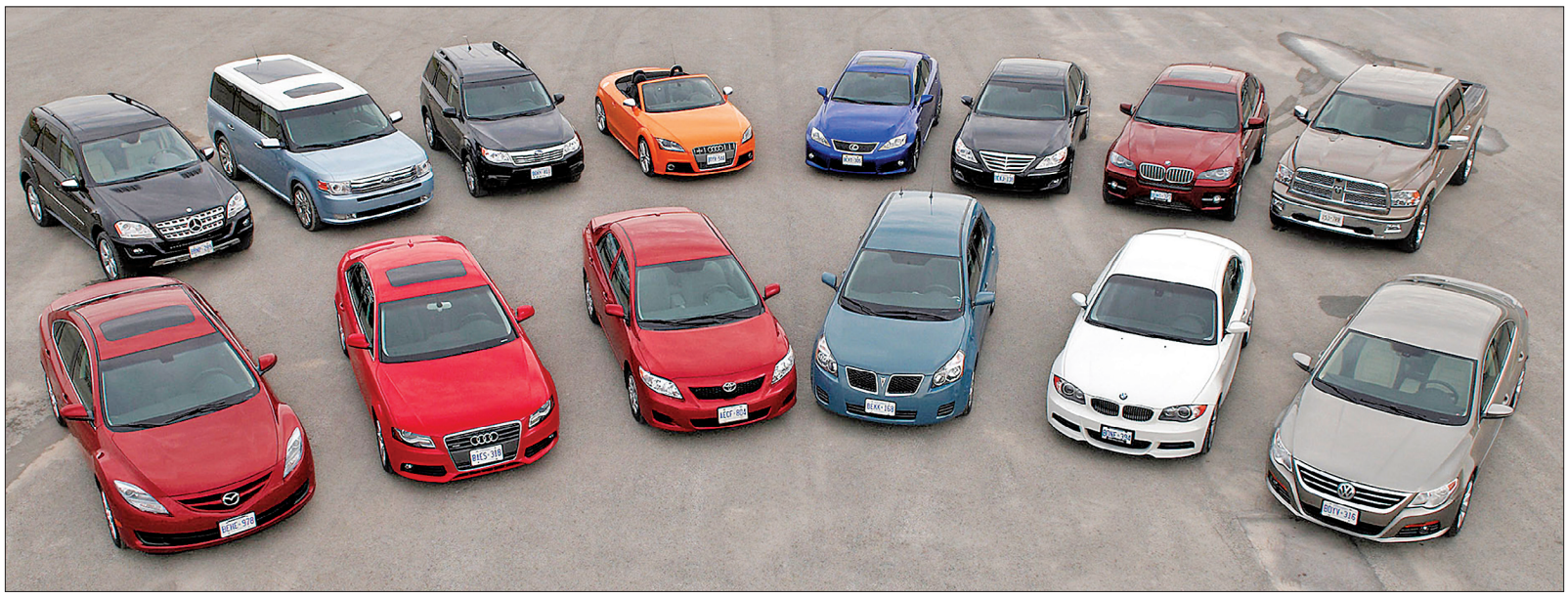


The winners of the 14 categories of the Automotive Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC) Canadian Car of the Year (CCOTY) category winners have been announced. They are, back row from left: Mercedes-Benz M-Class BlueTec, Ford Flex, Subaru Forester, Audi TTS, Lexus IS-F, Hyundai Genesis, BMW X6 (later declared out-pointed by co-winners Mercedes CL550 4Matic, Mercedes SL63 AMG) and Dodge Ram. Front row from left: Mazda6, Audi A4, Toyota Corolla, Pontiac Vibe, BMW 135i Coupe and Volkswagen Passat CC.

After five days of intense testing, the 2009 "Best New" AJAC award winners in 14 different vehicle categories were announced, by the Automobile Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC).

The purpose of the AJAC awards is to provide consumers with a valuable resource that comprises comparative information on vehicles that are new to the market.

Are consumers listening? It would appear so.

Maritz Research, on behalf of AJAC and in association with General Motors of Canada Ltd., conducted a survey of 2008 Buick Enclave purchasers to test their recognition of AJAC, the AJAC awards and the Buick Enclave as the winner of the Best New SUV Over $60,000 award for 2008.

Seventy four per cent of the 2008 Buick Enclave buyers who were aware of the AJAC Awards program when they purchased their vehicles knew that the Enclave was voted Best New SUV Over $60,000, a record high-point for awareness. And of those buyers, 41 per cent said the award had a positive influence on their buying decision.

That is a concrete measure of how influential the AJAC Canadian Car of the Year Awards have become.

For that reason, the vote results that determined the winners are available on the AJAC website www.ajac.ca, for use by consumers as a resource buying guide when researching the purchase of a new car, truck, SUV, or CUV for 2009.

2009 CATEGORY WINNERS

BEST NEW SMALL CAR
(under $18k): Toyota Corolla
(over $18k): Pontiac Vibe
BEST NEW FAMILY CAR
($22k-$30k): Mazda6
(over $30k): Volkswagen Passat CC
BEST NEW LUXURY CAR
(under $50k): Hyundai Genesis
(over $50k): Audi A4
BEST NEW PRESTIGE CAR
Mercedes CL 550 and Mercedes SL 63 AMG (tie)
BEST NEW SPORTS/PERFORMANCE CAR
(under $50k): BMW 135i Coupe
(over $50k): Lexus IS F
BEST NEW CONVERTIBLE
Audi TTS
BEST NEW PICKUP TRUCK
Dodge Ram
BEST NEW SUV/CUV
(under $35k): Subaru Forester
($35k-$60k): Ford Flex
(over $60k): Mercedes-Benz M-Class BlueTEC

The 14 category winners listed above now go on to compete for the honour of being either the 2009 Canadian Car of the Year or the 2009 Canadian Utility Vehicle of the Year.

These overall winners will be announced on February 11, 2009, at the 2009 Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto.

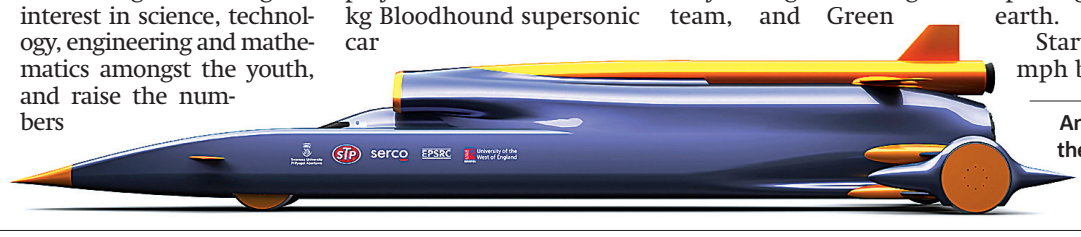
The 2009 Best New Design and Best New Technology winners will also be declared at that time.

Land speed record challenged, year by year

ATTEMPT Twelve years since Andy Green OBE and Thrust SSC scythed through the sound barrier on their way to the current world land speed record of 763.053 mph, Green and former record-holder, Richard Noble OBE, are preparing to write the latest chapter in the history of world land speed record attempts, with a 1,000 mph bid.

As much an engineering adventure as the ultimate speed record challenge, the four-year Bloodhound Project is designed to re-ignite interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics amongst the youth, and raise the numbers entering technology careers.

An exotic combination of jet, rocket and piston-engined power is employed in the 12.8m, 6,400-kg Bloodhound supersonic car (SSC) in the quest for the ultimate goal. With Noble, former land speed record holder and team boss from 12 years ago, fronting the team, and Green once more in the driving seat, the team has all the credentials to tackle arguably the greatest motorsporting challenge on earth.



An artist's impression of the car being built to set the world land speed record at 1,000 mph.

Starting with an 800 mph bid in 2009, the car will be continuously developed, with a 900 mph run in 2010 and the ultimate goal of 1,000mph will be aimed for in 2011.

Probable venue

- The venue for the record runs is yet to be confirmed, but Black Rock Desert, Nev., the scene of Green's record with Thrust SSC, is under consideration More information at www.bloodhoundssc.com and www.stp.eu

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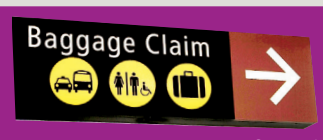

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Down on the farm — in the jungle

If you tire of Mayan ruins and jungle hikes, pay a visit to Belize's Mennonites

The**Travel**Junkie

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Deep in the jungles of Central America, where jaguars, crocodiles and Howler monkeys are king, visitors may spot something out of the ordinary. Women in bonnets, suited up in wooly winter frocks; men dressed in overalls and straw Cowboy hats; children riding stone-faced in horse-drawn buggies.

A Mennonite settlement in the heart of the jungles of Belize may seem like a hallucination brought on by the intense humidity and hypnotizing buzz of cicadas. But this is no illusion. Amidst Mayan ruins over grown by moss, there are some 5,000 Mennonites living in this, small central American country, bordering Mexico and Guatemala.

Mennonites, I learned, are a Protestant religious sect, first formed in the Netherlands in the 16th century. While there are 1 million worldwide, many have settled throughout Belize, among the towns of Orange Walk, Shipyard and Indian Creek. Belize's government welcomed them and praised their farming expertise, which accounts for much of the country's produce. They live a simple, ultra-conservative life in closed, farming communities.

On the web

- Lamanai Outpost Lodge, *lamanai.com*.
- The Belize Tourism Board, *travelbelize.org*.

Tourists staying at the Lamanai Outpost Lodge, an eco-resort that offers a jungle expeditions to nearby ruins, may arrange a visit to a Mennonite community.

From the air-conditioned comfort of the 4 X 4 Land Rover, I travelled a few kilometers to Indian Creek, home to some 1400 Mennonites. From the back of the car, I watched the landscape change from lush jungle of tangled vines, to vast, (clear-cut) pastoral farmlands.

White farm houses dotted the countryside, laundry meticulously hung on front yard clotheslines, angelic children in flower-print dresses run through fields. The Land Rover stopped abruptly in front of a horse-and-buggy, and I scrambled out of the car to meet Abe, a respected member of the Mennonite community who agreed to show me around. Wearing blue overalls, a crisp marine blue shirt, droplets of sweat gathering on his upper lip, Abe shook my hand with a firm paw. A kind man with a family of four girls, he was warm and welcoming.

Though many residents shy away from outsiders, Abe is keen to show people around. He explained that Mennonites here refuse to use modern technology. No television, no cell phones, no electricity, no cars. Abe told me that the reasoning behind it is to create a strong family unit, without the distractions or temptations of modernity.

A horse and buggy packed with cloaked women sped along the unpaved road. Air thick with moisture, my back dripping with sweat, I couldn't imagine what it must be like to wear such heavy layers of petticoats and dresses everyday.

JULIA DIMON/FOR METRO CANADA

Though many residents in the Indian Creek community shy away from outsiders, Abe is keen to show tourists life of a Belizean Mennonite.

Many cultures

- Though Belize has only 290,000 inhabitants, it has a variety of distinct cultural groups, according to the Belize Tourism Board: Creole, Garifuna (a mix of Carib Indians and Africans), Mestizo (a mix of Spanish and Maya), Spanish, Maya, English, Mennonite, Lebanese, Chinese, and East Indian.

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Lawanda Jackson, a former employee of Los Angeles' UCLA Medical Center, has pleaded not guilty to charges she sold information from Farrah Fawcett's medical records to the National Enquirer. IMDB.COM

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Appeal of a super spy

Men from all walks of life identify with James Bond character

RICK MCGINNIS
Metro Canada

I was shooting a wedding when I saw him — the 10-year-old nephew of the bride, strutting and preening in his first rented tuxedo. He was going through a James Bond phase, his father and uncles explained, both amused and a little proud, no doubt remembering the first time they had let themselves become obsessed with Ian Fleming's secret agent.

Daniel Craig, left, and Gemma Arterton in a scene from the new James Bond film, Quantum of Solace.

For several weeks now, I've been researching a Becoming James Bond series for Metro, and without exception, every man I've spoken to along the way, from luxury car salesmen to caviar importers to haberdashers to wine and spirits experts, has proved to be a James Bond expert in their own right, able to quote lines from the books and scenes from the movies with obvious familiarity.

Few men are as willing to take their Bond obsession as far as Michael Newitt, a 41-year-old who was arrested in England last month for posing as a secret agent to keep ahead of creditors. According to a story in the U.K.'s Guardian newspaper, Newitt had fooled several local police officers and even his own wife with his story of being "a special operations commander with MI5, the Foreign Office and counter-terrorism units," and would sleep with a replica gun beside his bed and suddenly disappear on "missions."

He'd even awarded himself the rank of Commander, and had obtained impressive fake I.D. that gave him the title CMG — "a high-ranking award fictitiously presented to James Bond in the story From Russia with Love."

The magic of Bond is that his appeal is multifold, and changes to suit every stage of a man's life. For the pre-teen boy, Bond is a more plausible superhero for a time when men in capes and tights are starting to seem a bit ludicrous, even undignified. For the teenager, he's enviably adult without being dull, suggesting a possibility of life without tedious routine.

For the man in his twenties, all too aware of how routine and responsibility are closing in on him, Bond is a rebel who gets applauded for breaking the rules, enjoying the perquisites of adulthood — risk, reward, luxury and apparently guiltless sex — without obligations to prudence or fidelity.

For men in their 30s and 40s, he's the consummate professional, esteemed and disciplined, with an apparently perpetual free pass exempting him from midlife crisis. Finally, for older men, Bond is a reminder of a time when they could draw from both youth and experience, a totem of virility that gets renewed every few years onscreen by a new man clearly in his prime.

Women would probably do well to watch a few Bond films when getting to know a man, if only to give them something to talk about.

And while most men aren't as delusional as "Commander" Newitt, they'd like to imagine that they are, somewhere, half as capable and suave as Bond. If women are as nurturing as we presume, they'll let us cling to this lonely, forlorn hope.

Theron settles suit over watch

PEOPLE Charlize Theron has settled a $20-million US lawsuit with the luxury watchmaker that accused her of breach of contract, imdb.com reports.

Bosses at Swiss company Raymond Weil claimed they paid Theron the sum to wear its watches exclusively between October 2005 and December 2006.

According to court documents, Theron broke their agreement when she "was photographed wearing a watch from the Christian Dior line" in Texas in 2006.

In brief

ACCIDENT The death of a stunt technician on the set of the latest Batman film was an accident, BBC News Online reports a jury as having decided. Conway Wickliffe was leaning out of a car while operating a camera when the vehicle hit a tree, an inquest heard. The 41-year-old died last year in England, during filming of The Dark Knight.

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Arrest warrant out for stalker suspect

A Los Angeles judge has issued a bench warrant for the arrest of Emily Leatherman, the woman who last month pleaded no contest to stalking actor John Cusack, after she allegedly violated a protection order. **E! NEWS ONLINE**

From restaurant to rock

GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM
for Metro Canada

Ever had a job you just hated? Where you were always looking over your shoulder, wondering if the boss was watching. Where everything focused around punching out, grabbing your cheque and cutting loose?

For Max Kerman, lead vocalist of the Arkells, that job was waiting tables at an Italian restaurant on the outskirts of Hamilton, Ont.

If things go right for this new indie band from the Steel City, you may be hearing a lot about Kerman's job experiences on the radio. The first single off the Arkell's debut CD, Jackson Square, is called Oh, the Boss Is Coming, and it's about Kerman's brief career as a waiter.

"The lyrics don't really need any more explaining," Kerman said during a recent break in the band's national tour with Matt Mays & El Torpedo. "The words are pretty straightforward."

Jackson Square, the Arkells' new album, is now in stores.

It's that kind of open honesty that makes the songs of the Arkells so accessible. They play gritty guitar rock high on intensity and low on pretention.

None of the five members of the Arkells are from Hamilton originally. They met there, however, while attending McMaster University and began performing on the vibrant Hamilton club scene as Charlemagne. The name was changed to the Arkells when they realized how many other bands around the world also called themselves Charlemagne.

The band members all share a love for the old Motown sound and felt the name, Arkells, referenced those old girl bands like the Supremes and the Shirelles. Arkell was also the name of the west Hamilton street on which Kerman shared a house with bandmate and fellow guitarist Mike Deangelis during their time at Mac.

The band was picked up by Dine Alone Records, the hugely successful indie label that pushed Alexisonfire and City and Colour to platinum heights (Arkells keyboardist Dan Griffin also plays sideman to City and Colour's Dallas Green). An EP was released earlier this year, and Jackson Square was officially released last week across the country.

Over the past four years, the Arkells have established deep roots in the city. Jackson Square is named after a mall in downtown Hamilton that has seen better days.

"I think it's a pretty inspiring place," says Kerman, who grew up in downtown Toronto. "Jackson Square gets ragged on a lot but it's a really cool place. Everyone in the band has a story about Jackson Square."

Besides Oh, the Boss Is Coming, Jackson Square is loaded with pop-rockers like John Lennon, No Champagne Socialist, Ballad of Hugo Chavez and Abigail.

Mac brings warmth to Madagascar sequel

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

When moviegoers check out the animated sequel Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa, they will not only be reuniting with the beloved quartet of lost zoo animals, they will meet Alex the lion's long lost father and be treated to a special vocal performance by one of comedy's most gifted craftsmen.

"It was very difficult casting the character of Alex's father because we knew that the character would be judgmental and have high expectations and we didn't want to do the Great Santini," explained co-director Tom McGrath during a recent interview in Los Angeles. "We needed someone who would bring the warmth to it."

McGrath and company looked no farther than Bernie Mac — the acclaimed comic-actor who sadly passed away from pneumonia in August at age 50. This Friday, the late actor will be honoured with two theatrical releases — the other being Soul Men with Samuel L. Jackson.

Bernie Mac

"The greatest part of that loss is that you had a person that was just honest and he walked the walk and talked the talk," says Madagascar co-star Cedric the Entertainer, who describes Mac as his "comic mentor."

"He was funny and great at doing it so that's going to be the biggest loss right there."

"I knew Bernie Mac twenty years," adds Chris Rock, who met his Madagascar co-star struggling as a young comedian. Having begun his career telling jokes for change in the Chicago subway, Mac eventually hosted his own respected weekly comedy show at the Regal Theatre.

"He was always the ambassador of Chicago, like the best guy. It's sad that he's not here (doing interviews) today; it's just sad because he'd be the funniest guy here," said Rock.

Indeed, Mac is one of the most hilarious aspects of the new Madagascar comedy, but he also provides a surprisingly touching vocal performance, one that perhaps exemplifies the man's true spirit of life.

Sherri Shepherd, who voices Mac's lioness wife in the movie, might best sum up Mac's personal legacy. She recalls a wildly funny man with a consideration beyond expectation. Having previously worked with him, she remembers Mac voluntarily spending an hour entertaining bored extras at 3 a.m. on the set of his 2005 film Guess Who?

"That is the Bernie Mac that I remember and I was so honored to have worked with him," she said.

School Musical 3 gets singalong

MOVIES Fans have barely had the time to learn the words, but Disney this Friday is launching a singalong version of its High School Musical 3: Senior Year hit movie.

After just two weeks at the top of U.S. box offices, the singalong version will be rolled out on Friday at 125 movie theatres in major U.S. cities.

It's the first time Walt Disney Pictures has released a singalong version of a movie in theatre across the U.S.

REUTERS

In brief

ART An original drawing of A.A. Milne's popular children's characters Winnie-the-Pooh, Tigger and Piglet fetched $50,000 US at a Bonhams auction in London yesterday.

MUSIC Punk veterans Social Distortion and metal legends Motorhead will headline a North American travelling festival created by popular tattoo artist and cable TV personality Kat Von D. An official itinerary is still in the works for the 25-city Musink Tattoo and Music Festival, but it begins Jan. 30 in San Francisco and is expected to wrap March 15 in Los Angeles. Additional acts will be announced in the coming weeks.

REUTERS

Creative differences
Co-executive producers and writers for the show Heroes — starring Hayden Panettiere — Jesse Alexander and Jeph Loeb, who have been with the show since its 2006 inception, have been fired due to creative differences, Variety reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Simon's elegantly simple success

IntelleVision

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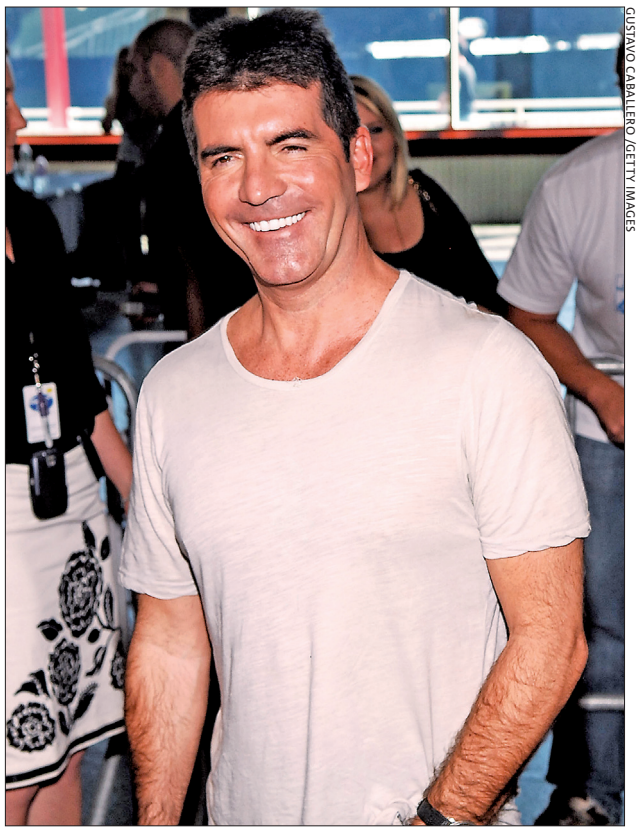
SIMPLE SIMON: No one apparently finds Simon Cowell as fascinating as Simon Cowell, but a close second would be his fellow Brits, who regularly publish long, lavishly-illustrated interviews such as the one that ran this weekend in the UK Daily Mail tabloid.

On this side of the Atlantic he's famous, and gets the recommended quota of press due to anyone truly successful, but he isn't taken nearly as seriously, probably because he's a) apparently just some guy who tells people they suck on a singing contest, or at least that's what he looks like to most Canadians and Americans, and b) English, and therefore over here just to give us an example of how to be really blunt, even rude, but still sound remarkably erudite in the process (see Ramsay, Gordon; Osbourne, Sharon; Morgan, Piers.)



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Simon Cowell is a common sort of man, and a lightweight by the standards of the journalistic elite.

(And yes, I'm trying my level best not to say anything about the U.S. presidential election, writing this as I am on the day the country is going to the polls. I've had enough, and would love to avoid the topic for as long as the candidates have been on the campaign trail, which seems like a couple of years by now.)

"On the surface, it's very hard to take the man seriously," the Mail writes, doing their best to mimic bewilderment. "Like a latter-day Peter Stringfellow or Tony Curtis, he happily admits he never went to university, prefers the tabloids to the broadsheets and would rather have a night out with a Page Three girl than a media dinner at The Ivy."

Translated from British to English, that means he's a common sort of man, and a lightweight by the standards of the journalistic elite, but that probably accounts for why Cowell, a character of no real pronounced tastes except for flash cars, has become rich anticipating the tastes of the broadest number of people, and not the smallest, despite their risible claims to tastemaker status. He's made his fortune twice over in music, but never listens to it in his spare time. "I wish I could have signed the Beatles," he told the Mail, "but not for the music. I wish I'd signed them for the royalties."

Friend and boy band manager Louis Walsh despairs that Cowell has never turned on the fully-loaded iPod he bought him as a present, but I'd venture that taste and enthusiasm would be a liability when you're trying to mine and manufacture the sort of music that more than half the population will not only tolerate but purchase. You can't argue with success, but in Cowell's case, you can pretend to be confounded by it, in spite of the elegantly simple logic that made it possible.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

24 returns after nearly two years

TELEVISION Fox will premiere the first new regular episode of 24 in nearly two years on Sunday, Jan. 11, the network said Monday. The seventh season of the real-time thriller will kick off with a two-hour episode, followed by another two-hour segment the next night. Fox used a similar rollout plan for 2007's season premiere. **REUTERS**

Surfers enter plea of not guilty

COURTS Two surfers pleaded innocent Monday to charges they attacked a paparazzo taking pictures of actor Matthew McConaughy on a beach. Philip Hildebrand, 30, and Skylar Peak, 24, are charged with misdemeanor battery for a June 21 clash that pitted surfers against paparazzi in Malibu. **REUTERS**

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		557	540	51	FAM	Wizards-Place	That's-Raven	Zack & Cody	Natural-Sadie	Han. Montana	Life Derek	Ned's School	Cory in House	Zack & Cody
		551	542	65	YTV	Malcolm-Mid.	Home Improve.	Malcolm-Mid.	Fresh Prince	Futurama	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.	Adrenaline Proj	Mystery Hnt.
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		615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Dog the Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Parking Wars
		628	584	32	SPKE	CSI: NY "Cold Reveal"		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		UFC Unleashed		The Ultimate Fighter (N)		Ult. Fighter
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		294	529	47	TBS	House-Payne	House-Payne	*Arachnophobia* ★★★ (1990, Suspense) Jeff Daniels.				Steve Harvey	Family Guy	Family Guy
		600	564	49	H&G	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Mansions	The Stagers	Property Virgin	Unsellable	Million Dollar Listing		Holmes-Homes
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		618	524	54	TROP	Beverly Hills, 90210		Reality	What Happen?	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	'70s Show	Family Guy
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		602	567	62	W	Will & Grace	Friends	Grocery	Maxed Out	Supersize vs. Superskinny		She's Got the Look (N)		Style by Jury
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		603	561	95	FN	The Main	Chef at Home	Restaurant Makeover		Iron Chef America		Dinner Imposs.	Dinner Imposs.	Restaurant

critics' corner

Little Mosque on the Prairie
They want him to do what? In this new episode, Yasir (Carlo Rota) is interested in making some more business contacts, so he joins a local men's lodge. Unfortunately for him, these guys have some interests he doesn't share, and he's expected to participate. Up first is a hunting trip — so not his thing. Sheila McCarthy and Sitara Hewitt also star in "Let Prairie Dogs Lie." 8 PM on 8 CBC

The New Adventures of Old Christine
Doesn't everyone bring his or her ex along on a date? In this new episode, Christine (Julia Louis-Dreyfus) invites Richard (Clark Gregg) along when she goes out to dinner with her new beau, Patrick (guest star Tim DeKay). Hmmm, maybe she wants to show Richard how much better she can do? Hamish Linklater and Emily Rutherfurd also star in "So You Think You Can Date." 8 PM on 13 CBS

Actor Connolly goes behind camera
Entourage star and budding director Kevin Connolly has signed on to direct a music video for The Game and Ne-Yo, for the song Camera Phone. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Winslet shoots down airbrushing rumour

IMAGE Actress Kate Winslet has denied she resorted to airbrushing to sweep away excess pounds for a sexy new photoshoot, imdb.com reports.

Winslet posed for a Catherine Deneuve-inspired shoot for Vanity Fair magazine, on a couch, wearing nothing but stockings, high heels and a fur throw.

Winslet's figure has drawn accusations that the pictures were digitally altered to remove her famous curves. But a spokesman for the star is adamant that the photos are genuine, attributing Winslet's new look to her healthy regime.

"There's been absolutely no airbrushing at all. All she has had is the standard retouching they do on any photoshoot, adjusting skin tone and so on. I know she is thrilled with the photos. She's in very good shape at the moment," the representative tells British newspaper The Independent.

Winslet slammed editors at British GQ magazine in 2003 for airbrushing her figure, accusing them of making her look "six feet tall and a Size 2."

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Carrie soothes Simpson's fears

RELATIONSHIPS Carrie Underwood has a message for fellow singer Jessica Simpson: She and ex Tony Romo have not spoken in months, People.com reports.

"I haven't talked to him since, like, May," Underwood, 25, tells Elle in its December issue.

"It was just something that was said in passing," the country singer says, referring to an interview in which she said Romo still called her. "I would never mean to say anything to hurt anybody or to stir up anything because I'm just not about drama — at all."

As for reports that Simpson was upset by the claims, Underwood says, "I might be mad too if somebody said my boyfriend was calling some other girl. So I can definitely see where (she) would be coming from."

Asked about her current dating life, Underwood emphatically shoots down rumours that she dated Olympian Michael Phelps.

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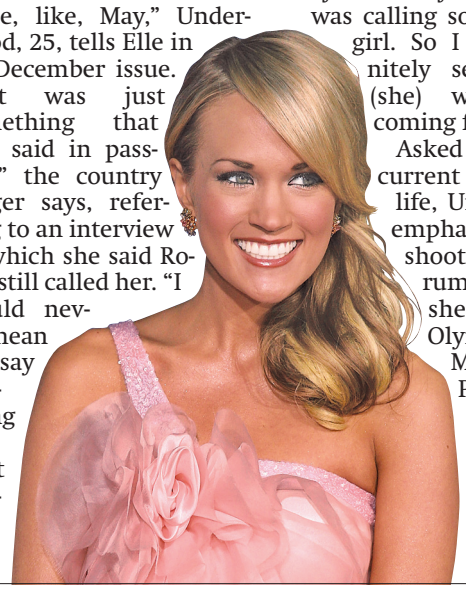

celebrity brief

Jada fought for her hippo's life

ROLE Actress Jada Pinkett Smith only agreed to voice a hippo in the new Madagascar movie when filmmakers reportedly promised her character wouldn't die, imdb.com reports. Pinkett Smith leaped at the chance to play seductive hippo Gloria in Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa, when she found out she wouldn't be killed off before the credits rolled.

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celebrity brief

Bachelorette calls off engagement

ENGAGEMENT The wedding is off. The Bachelorette stars DeAnna Pappas and Jesse Csincsak have ended their relationship, Csincsak says on the couple's website, People.com reports.

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celebrity brief

Kidman says birth was actually easy

FAMILY Actress Nicole Kidman was terrified of giving birth to her daughter Sunday, but was pleasantly surprised to find the experience "easy," imdb.com reports.

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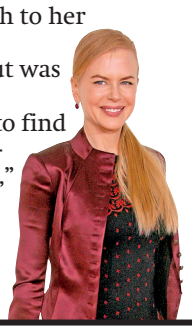

FameThrower

Joe O'Neill

Joe's take on celebrities

There's good news if your doctor has told you to get more eyeball exercise. That vast repository of lies and Botox, **Nicole Kidman**, continues to challenge **Angelina Jolie** as the celebrity most likely to say things that make them roll. In fact, there is a rumour in Hollywood that every time someone tells a lie, **Nicole Kidman** gets a royalty.

Kidman says she was expecting childbirth to be a 40-hour ordeal, or roughly half the length of what The Golden Compass felt like to watch, but since she had her hubby, the ironically named country singer **Keith Urban**, as her 'rock,' and since he has a magical ability to endow her with strength using only his eyes, it was nothing. Given that **Kidman** was once married to **Tom Cruise**, I don't question her ability to gauge pain, and looking at pictures of her forehead, I think she is an excellent judge of rocks, but where this story falls down for me is the idea that she would even consider enduring pain greater than that entailed in an eyebrow tweeze, unless there was an Oscar nomination in it for her.

The truth is probably that the child was born by C-section while **Nicole** was under full anesthetic, lying on a bed of liquid honey.

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Victoria snubs Mel B.'s invite

VOWS Victoria Beckham has reportedly snubbed an invitation to fellow former Spic Girl Mel Brown's wedding, femalefirst.co.uk reporter. Brown is renewing her vows with film producer husband Stephen Belafonte in a four-day ceremony in Egypt this week.

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celebrity brief

Men use me for fame, Paris says

RELATIONSHIPS "Every other guy I've been out with has used me for money or sex — but in most cases they just want fame. It made it hard to trust people." That's Paris Hilton, talking to Britain's News of the World as she promotes the U.K. version of her BFF series, MSN Entertaiment reports.

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Ex may want Jen back

RELATIONSHIPS Jennifer Aniston's ex-fiance Tate Donovan has been phoning the actress to tell her she was the "love of his life," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress, who recently rekindled her relationship with singer John Mayer, is said to be considering giving her relationship with Tate a second chance.

"Jennifer cannot believe it. A few months ago she was single and heartbroken, and now she has got two men professing their love for her," said a source close to Anistson, who split from Donovan in 1995 after three years of dating.

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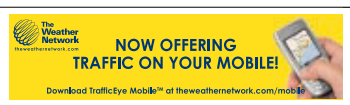

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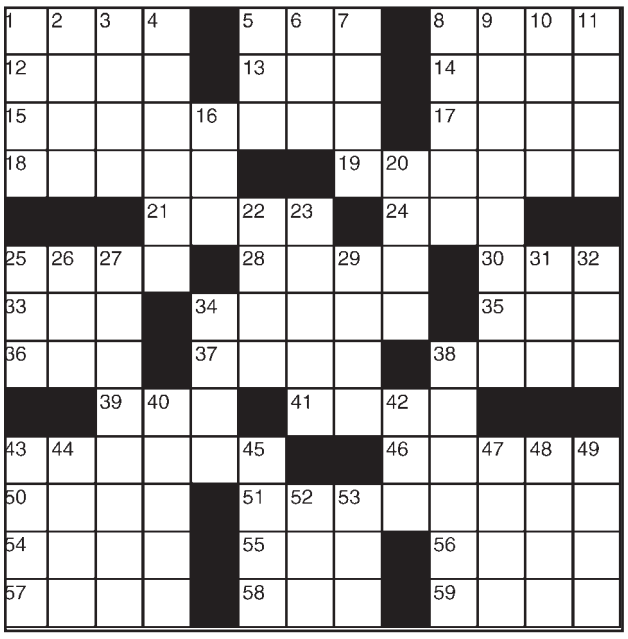

Crossword across

1 Lysol target
5 Rage
8 Dreary
12 Finished
13 Rotation duration
14 Mature
15 Steer
17 Small bit
18 Martini garnish
19 Perceive intuitively
21 Grounded flock
24 Cribbage scorer
25 Related
28 Droops
30 Tray contents
33 Neither partner
34 Dessert there's "always room for"
35 Ball prop
36 Melody
37 Gaelic
38 Smile broadly
39 Hockey surface
41 Initial chip
43 "African Queen" star
46 Nixon's veep
50 Verve
51 Bind legally
54 Baptism, e.g.
55 Halloween call
56 Hebrew month
57 Leaves
58 Deviate off course
59 Assessment

Crossword down

1 "Kissing disease"
2 Ellipse
3 Jeans-maker Strauss
4 Compelled
5 Mrs. McKinley
6 Snitch
7 Ogled
8 Somber
9 Battle in court
10 "Once — atime ..."
11 Fast-spreading concept
16 Jewel
20 Facto preceder
22 Addict
23 Tortilla topping
25 Literary collection
26 Japanese pond carp
27 Water
29 Secluded valley
31 Vast expanse
32 Height of fashion
34 Scoff (at)
38 Panhandler
40 Some Christmas candy
42 Skater Babilonia
43 Titanic's downfall
44 Hodgepodge
45 Sir — Belch, of "Twelfth Night"
47 Zilch, south of the border
48 Coup d'—
49 Existed
52 Feathery neckwear
53 Depressed

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

	4	1				2		
			6	5				1
9					8			7
		3	2		7		8	
	8			4			7	
	1		3		9	5		
1			8					6
5				9	6			
		2				4	3	

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

D	A	M	P	■	J	O	B	■	H	A	G	S
O	B	O	E	■	A	N	I	■	A	R	E	A
C	A	B	E	R	N	E	T	■	R	A	N	I
■	■	■	W	O	E	■	B	I	B	B	E	D
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S	I	R	■	B	R	U	I	N	■	P	I	P
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T	O	G	A	■	C	A	B	B	A	G	E	S
E	K	E	D	■	A	L	I	■	R	I	L	L
M	E	S	A	■	L	E	T	■	I	N	K	Y

8	1	9	2	7	5	3	4	6
6	2	7	3	8	4	1	5	9
3	5	4	9	6	1	8	2	7
4	6	5	8	3	2	9	7	1
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9	8	1	7	4	6	5	3	2
1	4	6	5	2	3	7	9	8
5	9	8	4	1	7	2	6	3
7	3	2	6	9	8	4	1	5

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min .....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Recipe of the day

Penne with sugar snaps and smoked salmon

INGREDIENTS:
12 oz (375 g) penne or ziti pasta
1 lb (500 g) sugar snap peas, strings removed
1/3 cup (75 mL) snipped fresh dill
3 scallions, thinly sliced
3/4 cup (175 mL) chicken broth
3 tbsp (45 mL) reduced-fat sour cream
1 tbsp (15 mL) unsalted butter
1 tsp (5 mL) grated lemon zest
2 tbsp (25 mL) lemon juice
1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
4 oz (125 g) smoked salmon, slivered

METHOD:
1. In large pot of boiling water, cook pasta according to package directions until firm-tender. Add sugar snaps to water during final 1 minute of cooking; drain.
2. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine dill, scallions, broth, sour cream, butter, lemon zest, lemon juice and salt. Add hot pasta and sugar snaps, tossing well. Add smoked salmon and toss again.

PER SERVING:
450 calories, 7 g fat, 4 g saturated fat, 850 mg sodium, 75 g carbohydrate, 21 g protein.

SERVES 4

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For nutritional information on this and other great recipes, go to **rd.ca** or check out **Key Ingredients in this month's Reader's Digest, on newsstands now!**

Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
See a specialist if a head problem persists. Your closest friend knows your deepest feelings. Expect a surprising change involving social plans.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Food bills are getting out of hand. Demand that paperwork be shown to authority figures. A trusted friend decides to let work wait.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Sabotage is commented upon. A disheartening discussion causes a critical washout. An acquaintance reconciles unrelenting combatants.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Someone starts a family quarrel. A secret note will overcome someone's pride. A reality check creates a tripping hazard.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
A moody person will cause you to refuse to take sides. Romantic risks will increase late at night. A woman gets back to work.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Avoid meddling by breathing deeply. Back away from overwhelming emotions. You'll want to withdraw after a zesty encounter.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You may not appreciate a peak experience. Someone is secretly in financial trouble. Use your ability to lead others to greater clarity.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Anxiety will affect your love life. A reward seems beyond your reach. Try not to confront a wild and crazy guy.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Harsh things will be said about a superior person. Love takes you on a wild ride. A youth will continue to baffle a sceptic.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
There's good and bad news in legal matters. An ambitious co-worker should be taken seriously. Don't get caught helping a cruel person.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Premonitions continue throughout day. A friend wants to play with you. A man will have an earth-shaking dream.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Indecision fades when you heed sound advice. A higher level of consciousness is found. Playing by the rules eliminates confusion.

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1. "Hold your horses, Aussie chum!" (1)
2. Escargot path (1)
3. Untidy Olympian Owens (2)
4. Oscar-winning Hilary's army levels (1)
5. Toast spread severer (2)
6. O-ring holder, as for Easter eggs (2)
7. Firmly fixed and stable big beer mug (2)

ANSWERS
1. WAIT MATE 2. SNAIL TRAIL 3. MESSY JESSE 4. SWANKS RANKS
5. BUTTER CUTTER 6. GASKET BASKET 7. ANCHORED TANKARD

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